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1. Between 27 and 30 August 1953, 4 howitzers and 4 AA guns were detrained in Pasewalk. On 2 September, about 1,000 to 1,400 troops were detrained there.¹

2. On 1 September, truck [redacted] seen en route to the Forgsdorf railroad station, coming from Velten. [redacted] this vehicle was permanently employed in the relief of the railroad station guard details in Forgsdorf-Firkenwerder and Oranienburg. [redacted] the personnel on the truck wore new clean uniforms with red epaulets and cap bands, without pipings.²

3. Troop trains seen passing through the Satzkorn railroad station included:

At 12:15 p.m. on 2 September. A train carrying 6 T-34/85 tanks, 2 T-34 tanks and 1 boxcarload of troops, coming from the direction of Loewenberg and proceeding toward Potsdam.

At 11 a.m. on 3 September. A shipment of about 100 NCOs on four boxcars coming from the direction of Neukukow and proceeding toward Potsdam. The troops were in good physical shape and made an excellent impression.

At 9 p.m. on 6 September. A train carrying 13 x 37-mm AA guns, 1 repair shop truck, 1 field kitchen, 1 sedan, and 23 trucks, [redacted] and including 15 boxcars, coming from the direction of Jueterbog and proceeding toward Zehdenick [redacted]

At 4:45 p.m. on 8 September. A train carrying 21 trucks, 8 sedans, 5 tank trucks, 1 repair shop truck and 1 field kitchen, and including 2 boxcars, coming from the direction of Templin and proceeding toward Jueterbog.

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4. At about 8 a.m. on 3 September, 6 full-track prime movers towing [redacted] guns and [redacted] truck [redacted] were seen in Brandenburg, en route toward [redacted] Marzahne (N 53°Z 24). About 10 a.m. on 5 September, the vehicles were seen returning. The Kruegerhorst and Friedrichshof districts, 4 kilometers southeast of Rathenow, were made a restricted area after 1 September; artillery and tank units were stationed there.⁴
5. On 4 September, 15 JS tanks entered the barracks installation on the western exit of Haldensleben.⁵
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6. At about noon on 5 September, 20 trucks, [redacted] occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were detrain in Haldensleben. At about 2 p.m. on 5 September, motor vehicles [redacted] and motorcycle [redacted] were seen at the market place in Haldensleben.⁶
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7. From about 10 to 31 August, the Flak Kaserne in Wismar was heavily occupied by units wearing red-bordered black epaulets and equipped with tanks. The troops were 20 to 30 years old, included some wearing decorations, and were allowed to leave the installation only on weekends prior to 10 p.m. Soviet details patrolled the town after this time.⁷

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2. [redacted] Comment. The motor vehicle belonged to the GOFG.

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